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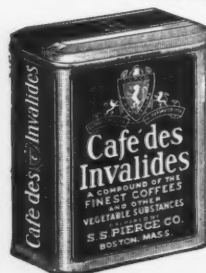
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I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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GOVERNOR Alvan T. Fuller of Massachusetts issued the usual proclamation for Be Kind to Animals Week, April 12 to 17, this year.

THE Royal S. P. C. A. Journal of Sydney, Australia, tells us that in Victoria a Be Kind to Animals Week is being urged as a memorial to the late Queen Mother.

TOO much cannot be said in praise of the work that is being accomplished in Northern Africa through the efforts of Mrs. Hosali, founder of the Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa.

EFFORTS are still being made by the humane societies of the world, led by the Royal S. P. C. A. of England, to have the subject of the protection of animals placed on the agenda of the Assembly of the League of Nations September next.

WHAT does it mean?—33,750 dogs licensed in Philadelphia in 1925 and 22,563 destroyed because they had not been licensed. It means in the majority of cases heartlessness on the part of owners. This same condition persists all over the country.

THE Report of the Indian Commissioners for the past year expresses the hope that trachoma, the prevalent plague among the Indian wards of the Government, will within a comparatively few years be stamped out. Until recently this seemed impossible.

THOSE who have traveled in Africa will be glad to know that six Arabs under European supervision are now employed at different centers in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunis, from which they visit twenty-five towns treating camels, horses, mules and donkeys.

OCCASIONALLY someone says, "What are you doing now that there are fewer horses to look after?" Last month out of over 40 prosecutions 36 had to do with non-sheltering and, literally allowing live stock and other domestic animals to starve, the most of these cases in the country districts of the state.

THE NO FURS LEAGUE

A Protest Against the Cruelty of the Steel Trap

THE Jack London Club has proved a great success. It has spread even to the ends of the earth. At the suggestion of some of our most deeply interested friends, among them Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, we are starting a "No Furs League." This means, like the Jack London Club, no officers, no dues. Those are entitled to membership who, by sending us their names and addresses, assent to the following pledge: "From henceforth, as a protest against the cruelty involved in the capture of fur-bearing animals by the steel trap, I will wear no furs."

Only those who know the inexpressible sufferings endured by millions of fur-bearing animals when caught in the torturing grip of the steel trap can appreciate the significance of the campaign now being carried on in the country to wipe out the dark stain upon our civilization of this inhuman cruelty. This League is one more opportunity for those who love justice and hate cruelty to proclaim by deed as well as word their sympathy with the great world of animal life below them.

IN twenty-five counties of Scotland, last year, 14,458 public school pupils wrote essays upon the topic, "How May the Example of Animals and Birds Help Us to Lead Useful and Unselfish Lives?"

THE *New York Times* says the demand for saddle horses is as great as it has been any time in the last fifty years, and the stockmen say there is an increasing demand for commercial horses and farm mules.

THE *Times* also says:

There is one thing a motor vehicle cannot do—turn around and go along while the driver is delivering bottles of milk. The horse is easily trained to do the trick, and he is a companion to his driver. He seldom goes "dead," and he does not have to be repaired on the road. He can be driven for years without maiming and killing pedestrians.

ARE WE FAIR TO OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS?

THIS is the question asked by the *Boston Traveler* of President Rowley, and the answer published on the editorial page:—

As individuals we may be or we may not be. As a nation, as a race of men and women, we are not. These fellow-creatures, sharing with us the great gift of life with all this gift brings of capacity for joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, only ask from us fair play, that is, justice.

Is it fair play to demand that more than 100,000,000 cattle, sheep, and swine, to say nothing of unnumbered millions of feathered fowl, should be sacrificed annually in our land to furnish food for us, and then to allow, through our indifference or ignorance, these countless millions to meet their doom in death through methods of slaughter involving wholly needless pain and even torture? Is there even a semblance of justice in requiring for my use or enjoyment the death of any sentient creature and then standing by totally unconcerned as to how that death is inflicted, whether by a quick and painless process or by means which cry aloud to heaven for justice and compassion? "Ah, but what do I know about the way these unfortunate animals are killed on whose flesh I feed?" Is this my answer? It is my business to know, just as it was once and even now may be my business to know whether or not the clothes I wear are stained with the very life blood of the half-starved victims of some festering sweat shop. And the soft and beautiful fur I wrap around me, is it no business of mine to know how I come by it? If I know that between the creature born with that exquisite covering and me there has lain the fiendish torture of the steel trap, a torture sometimes lasting for days of anguish, and I am content to do nothing, say nothing in the name of fair play, what must I think of myself, if I think at all? And here's the trouble with the most of us. We don't think. Some of us won't think. Is this sentiment? It's a thousand miles from the place where sentiment dwells; it's at the door of justice where these thoughts stand pleading today not for mercy for our animal friends, but just for fair play.

JACK LONDON CLUB WINNING OBJECTIVE

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST PERFORMING ANIMALS GROWS STEADILY IN UNITED STATES

THE kindness and patience of the animal manager upon the stage is generally for the purpose of disarming suspicion of cruelty upon his part or others during the period of preliminary training.

"PITILACKER" IS THE WORD

FOR the purpose of finding a word applicable to one who is thoughtless and indifferent toward animal suffering, the Pennsylvania S. P. C. A. recently awarded a prize for the best term submitted. The prize was won by Mrs. M. McIlvaine Bready for the word "pitilacker," which was chosen by five judges from several hundred words offered. Whether or not it comes into popular usage, no one can mistake its meaning.

A BRANCH IN TURIN, ITALY

Torino, Italy

Dear Sir,—

We desire to inform you that we have formed in Turin a group which has joined the Jack London Club and we intend to organize in the local Society for protection of animals a Jack London section. To this purpose we should like to get literature on the subject and all information and suggestions that could be useful.

We shall be very thankful to you if you will kindly supply us with the information.

Yours faithfully,

G. KLOTT V. HEIDENFELD

NO IDEAL ZOOS

DR. WILLIAM T. HORNADAY, director of the New York Zoological Park, offers some good advice relative to the establishment and construction of zoos, if these adjuncts to so many of our large cities are to approach the ideal as homes for wild animals to whom liberty is life. He says:

"In the first place the founders should nobly resolve to *keep no animals on exhibition that cannot be made comfortable and reasonably happy*. Today humane people do not enjoy the sight of unhappy or uncomfortable captive animals, and the most sensitive persons are deeply pained. . . .

"The ideal zoo must shun imposing real solitary confinement as we all shun distemper and pneumonia. . . . The space to be allotted to each cage or compartment must be enough to save the occupant from feeling crated and in danger of being smothered. Wild animals hate crates, just as men hate strait-jackets. . . . Keeping elephants, rhinoceroses, and tapirs in buildings without open-air yards deserves to rank as a penal offense."

THE Jack London Club is a humane society with no officers and no dues, and a membership of over 350,000. Its object is to stop cruelty in the training of animals for public exhibition. You can become a member of this club by agreeing to withdraw from any place of public amusement when performing animals are exhibited; or by refusing to patronize the theaters that cater animal performances, and by sending your name to *Our Dumb Animals*, Boston, Mass.



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A PERFORMANCE WHICH NO LONGER PASSES WITHOUT COMMENT OR PROTEST. SUCH CRUEL SENSATIONALISM IS BECOMING LESS AND LESS AN ATTRACTION

WOMEN WILL WAR ON RODEO

AMONG the women leaders who are waging a vigorous and persistent campaign against the rodeo is Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols of Washington, chairman of committee on humane education in the National Parent-Teacher Association. In her own and neighboring states she has inveighed and crusaded against these unlawful contests between cruel men and animals, even when public officials stood by as eye-witnesses and never raised hand or voice in the upholding of law or the maintenance of justice and mercy to the animal combatants. In a recent address she said:

"The rodeo belies our civilization and is an insult to a true rider of the range. The Indians are put back twenty years at each exhibition. Pierce County, this state, has already passed a law absolutely forbidding an affair of that nature within its boundaries. The League of Women Voters and federations of women's clubs are officially on record as opposed to the rodeo, and W. C. T. U. groups, wherever the idea is launched, pledge support.

"Whatever we have done for the animal world we have done vastly more for mankind. Lack of humane education makes a man liable to commit any crime. In Sing Sing prison the warden has said that he could pick out enough men to fill all the chairs in an institution of learning. Wrong education without humane instruction is responsible."

SOUTH CAROLINA REGULATES TRAPPING

THE following trapping law has recently become effective in South Carolina:

AN ACT

To Regulate the Use of Steel Traps in This State

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: From and after the passage of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person to use or set any steel traps within this state: *Provided*, That this will not apply to any person using or setting steel traps on land owned by him or her, or leased by him or her for trapping purposes: *Provided*, Further, That this will not apply to the use of steel traps in or around any occupied dwelling, barn or fowl house. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Section 2. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

Approved March 23rd, 1926

THOS. G. McLEOD
Governor



Photo from Brockton Enterprise

NOT WANTED AT OLD HOME

THIS is "Flute," the collie dog formerly owned by a family in Stoughton, Mass., who, feeling unable to keep him, shipped the animal to a relative in New Jersey. Not liking his new home, Flute found his way back over the 250 miles to Stoughton and appeared at the door of his old master, who refused to take him back because of having all the dogs he felt he could afford to keep. Flute found a temporary home at the shelter of the Brockton Humane Society and his sad story was given to the press. This publicity resulted in about 300 letters and many telephone calls, with suggestions and offers of a home for the dog. When the former owner heard of all this, he wanted Flute back, but the Society refused the request and gave the animal to Mrs. Sarah Badmington of Rockland, who sent for him in a roomy limousine. Flute at last found a home worthy of his persistence.

HEROISM WORTHY OF ST. BERNARDS

TWO boys, aged six and seven respectively, of Petoskey, Michigan, who had wandered from their homes in below-zero weather last March, were saved from freezing by the dog belonging to the older boy. The boys had become exhausted, and after an all-night search by business men, policemen, and Boy Scouts, were found huddled in the snow under a tree, snuggling close to the dog. The faithful animal changed his position repeatedly through the night, warming first one side, then another, of each boy.

ANOTHER MEDAL FOR SAVING A DOG

DANIEL MORIARTY, of Monson, was presented with the medal of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. by Officer Theodore W. Pearson early in April, for rescuing a large Newfoundland dog, "Hero," which had broken through the ice in the mill pond in front of the A. D. Ellis Mills Inc. Two other dogs had been with Hero, but had succeeded in regaining a footing on the solid ice. The Newfoundland was rescued only by means of a ladder which was pushed to the edge of the opening, on which Moriarty crawled out and pulled the dog from the water just as the ice gave way, nearly throwing the rescuer into the pond.

Remember the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in your will.

WINS PRIZE FOR HUMANE PLAY

Joseph G. Parke, Redlands, Calif., Awarded \$15 by Massachusetts S. P. C. A.

NEARLY fifty plays were received from all parts of the country by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in competition for a prize of \$15. The announcement was made about two months ago, and the contest ended March 15. The object was to secure a one-act play, of not more than 2,000 words, intended to illustrate kindness to animals, and suitable for presentation by school children of mixed grammar grades.

Of the plays received, twenty-one came from writers in Massachusetts; five from New York; two each from Ohio and Pennsylvania; and one each from New Brunswick, Ontario, District of Columbia, California, Washington, Nevada, Alabama, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Maine.

The prize has been awarded to Joseph G. Parke, 242 Cajon Street, Redlands, California, for his fantasy entitled "Pass It On!" in which the principal characters represent the Spirit of Kindness, an Elf, the Spirit of Domestic Animals, the Spirit of Wild Animals, the Spirit of Birds, and the Spirit of Children. Additional children in any number may be used in the production. The costumes of these characters may be made very colorful as they flit in and out of the scene, which is in the woods. As the dialogue proceeds, it is interspersed with dancing and music. The play which won the prize was entirely different from any of the others submitted, although many of these contained points which required very careful consideration.

The judges were Ethel Fairmont Beebe, poet and playwright, of Waterbury, Conn., and the editors of *Our Dumb Animals*.

Mr. Parke's play has been published by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. in the "Humane Exercises," for the use of teachers on Humane Day in schools (April 16, 1926), a pamphlet which was distributed gratuitously to all grammar school teachers in Massachusetts, and which will be supplied at cost, \$2 per hundred, to humane societies and school authorities in other states.

CAT CAME BACK 210 MILES

A REMARKABLE story of "Billy Sunday," a large tiger cat, returning to his old home, from South Jefferson, Maine, to East Templeton, Mass., a distance of 210 miles, seems well authenticated. In June, 1925, Rev. Frank J. Hale, well known in Fitchburg, who had recently taken his cat from his former pastorate in East Templeton to his new home in South Jefferson, saw his pet running down the main country road at full speed. The animal had never seemed to care for his new surroundings. He was sought widely, but in vain. About the middle of March, 1926, he was seen at the parsonage barn door in East Templeton, nearly starved and greatly frightened. He was finally induced to enter the home of Mr. Hale's relatives, where he is reported to be regaining health and strength. During a Christmas visit to Fitchburg by Mr. Hale, the missing cat was often the subject of conversation. What a tale this wandering feline Ulysses might unfold, could he but speak!

BRUNO

LESLIE CLARE MANCHESTER

AH, Bruno, Bruno, Pal of Mine,
With head upon my waiting knee
As I smoke beneath the moon-vines here
With pale stars peeping in at me!
You muse perhaps of years gone by—
A score of them, O Friend of Mine;
You think of when you fared with me
And lo, your eyes with far lights shine!

"The dell was kissed with alder-bloom—
I see it yet across the years;
Its white was in the ledgy cliffs;
Its dew was like a drench of tears!
A spray of it my hand had reached;
A spray of it Eliza wore;
A pledge, a promise till the world
Of mating hearts should be no more!

"And golden-eyed you came to us
As if to seal the pact we'd made;
And on her knee as here on mine
Your head, your kindly head you laid!
And still you come when moon-flowers hang
Their twilight-bells along the bars;
You come and dream on out-stretched paws,
O Bruno, constant as the stars!"

HORSES like delicacies. Carrots, apples or lumps of sugar bring obedience quicker than harsh words or whips. Never tease horses. It is bad for their dispositions.



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CANINE HERO REWARDED

HERE is "Brownie," now the hero of the Middleton, Mass., dog kingdom, because of his feat of alarming the people of that town in the dead of night of a fire in one of the town's biggest buildings. Brownie received a brand new collar with a gold locket inscribed, "Presented to Brownie by the Citizens of Middleton for giving alarm of Hoyt Building Fire on March 10, 1926, 3 A.M." With Brownie is Miss Louise Snow, postmistress.

The Chubby Meadowlark

ALVIN M. PETERSON

Photographs by the Author

OUR plump meadowlarks have a long list of admirable and lovable characteristics, with practically no bad ones to offset the good. They are very pretty birds, delightful songsters, and are among our most valuable birds from an economic point of view. Little



YOUNG MEADOWLARK HIDING

wonder, then, that these chubby birds have a host of friends.

The meadowlark is, as a rule, to be seen and observed about fields and meadows. When you get near one as it hides in the grass, it nervously twitches its tail and utters notes of alarm that sound like the word "still," repeated over and over, sometimes drawn out into a series of "11-11-1" notes. "Still, still, still-ll-ll-1" is what the bird then seems to say. If you get too near the bird, off it flies, first flapping its wings vigorously, then sailing with motionless wings, and then flapping and sailing again. It alights again in the distance, where it hides in the grass.

The song of the meadowlark is one of the most pleasant of all birds' songs. It is not varied, nor bubbling, nor long continued, but for all that possesses a good deal of charm. The birds when singing perch on posts, telephone poles, or the branches of trees where they are more or less conspicuous. "Spring-o'-the-year" is what they often seem to say. At other times it sounds like "Spring is here, spring is here," or "Spring, spring is here," or "Spring, lovely spring." Often a number of these birds are to be heard singing at the same time from different parts of the same field or meadow. The air is then filled with whistled music—music that always makes the bird lover feel in the best of spirits.

The meadowlark builds its nest of grasses on the ground, where it is carefully hidden in the tall grass or beneath the leaves of a dandelion or other large plant. Some nests are neat, dome-shaped affairs that

are very attractive. From four to six white eggs speckled with brown are laid in each nest. The mother, when incubating or brooding, remains on the nest when intruders are near and relies on her color for protection. Many meadowlarks avoid being seen by thus hiding and generally succeed in keeping the locations of their nests a secret. If you get too near a sitting bird, however, it flies off and then returns to the nest after you are safely off in the distance.

Our bird is pretty, chubby and robust in appearance, its yellow breast being marked with a large dark crescent which is very conspicuous when the bird is seen from the front. It has a habit of turning its back to one, perhaps so as not to attract too much attention. Its back is streaked with black, brown and gray, and because of this the bird is inconspicuous when seen from the back while sitting still. But the outer tail feathers are white and show to splendid advantage when the bird walks or flies from the observer.

Insects constitute seventy-three per cent of the meadowlark's food, and weed seeds most of the rest. It has been estimated that every meadowlark is worth at least a dollar a year to the farmer, for the work it does in destroying grasshoppers alone. Meadowlarks are to be found in our northern states for about eight months each year. During those eight months they are continually working for our farmers and gardeners upon whom we are dependent for our food supply. A little farther south, they are to be found throughout the year working for our interests day after day and year after year.

CRUELTY and abuse of animals used for food are a standing disgrace to this country.



NEST AND EGGS OF MEADOWLARK

THE RUBY-THROATED HUMMING-BIRD

ALICE J. SMITH

WITH a whirl and a hum
I hear him come
To rob my flowers
In the sunny hours;
But all I can see
Is a tiny head,
With a long, sharp bill
And a flash of red;
While a whirl of wings
Hides all the rest,
As he visits the blossoms
He likes the best,
Down the path
Where the hollyhocks
Grow near the larkspur
And fragrant phlox.
But none know the touch
Of his tiny feet,
As he darts about
Draining nectar sweet,
From each flower cup
Or the heart of a rose.
Like a flash, he has gone—
Where? No one knows.

THE ENGLISH SPARROW

WILLIAM MOSES

THAT unwelcome foreigner, the English sparrow, by many is considered a great pest, but in my opinion he is not nearly as black as he is painted. I have frequently watched whole flocks of these birds in winter, hard at work in a garden in which the weeds had been allowed to grow during the summer, and it could easily be seen that they were devouring the seeds of these weeds. They kept coming back to this garden until they had exhausted the supply of seeds. It is very evident that they do a great amount of good.

Sparrows raise two or three broods each season, and until the young can fly and forage for themselves, they are fed on insects. Nor are the old sparrows averse to an insect diet. I have often seen English sparrows chasing grasshoppers and moths and other insects when they had no broods.

It is said that these birds are fond of young peas, but I have never noticed them doing much damage in the garden, and they certainly more than make up for what fruit and young peas they do take by the insects and weed seeds they eat. It is also said that the sparrows steal grain from chicken-pens, but the amount they take is negligible, for when the feed is first thrown in the fowls all crowd around to get their share, and will allow no sparrows there, so what is really stolen is what the chickens leave.

THE AUDUBON LECTURE COURSE

THE four lectures in Tremont Temple, Boston, beginning February 27 and ending March 20, under the combined auspices of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., were a marked success. In addition to the great pleasure and profit derived by the thousands who heard and saw these entertainments, the two organizations were enabled to divide a substantial sum from the proceeds. We wish to thank all our members and friends, some of whom were unable to attend the lectures but sent us the price of the tickets, who contributed to this success.

THE DOG IN THE NEWS

IT is a trite statement of ours that nine-tenths of all that is written about animals, especially in praise of them, relates to dogs. Look in any animal library and you will find more books about dogs than about any other single animal. Look especially in the daily news and you will find that the dog is given far more space than any or all the other four-footed friends of mankind. Surely the dog figures most conspicuously in connection with human bravery. Elsewhere in this issue you may read of medals given by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. to two boys for the heroic rescue of a drowning dog. But the winter and spring of 1926 seemed to us to be conspicuous for such rescues, for several similar well-authenticated instances were brought to our attention. We have congratulated police officers and workmen as well as school-boys for their humanity in saving dogs that but for them would have found a watery grave. And we are referring only to Massachusetts. But the same is true of other sections of the country, probably of all parts of it, judging by numerous press cuttings and letters received with requests that we publish the incidents in *Our Dumb Animals*. Indeed so common is it now to read of these acts that from the strict news point of view, they are hardly "news" at all. And this, of course, is matter for congratulation and, we believe, reflects favorably upon the growing humane sentiment of the world. We disappoint many correspondents because we simply cannot spare room in this small periodical to recount at length many deeds of heroism in which animals, generally dogs, figure conspicuously. We do, however, always appreciate having our attention called to the facts and we are particularly gratified that the newspapers are so generous in giving publicity to the noble dog.

OPPOSED TO PET ANIMAL SHOWS

AT the request of a prominent and most deeply interested worker in our cause, we publish the following communication:—

To the Editor:

During Be Kind to Animals Week some humane societies have in the past held pet animal shows. These shows are not enjoyed by the animals and the children are not really taught kindness when they are encouraged to be indifferent to the sufferings of their pets.

Dogs do not like to be separated from their masters and it is a nervous shock to them to be obliged to associate with other dogs. They cannot understand that the separation from their masters is temporary. Cats especially are timid and suffer greatly from nervousness and fear when taken from their homes. To be placed near where there are dogs also, and where there is much noise and confusion, causes intense disturbance.

Even a promoter of these shows spoke of the difficulty in keeping terrified cats in cages and mentioned the effects of confinement, strange companions and noises upon the animals.

As a humane worker expressed it, "Pet animal shows exhibit cruelty to animals, especially to cats. In some places even trained animals are shown."

I earnestly wish that these facts might be realized and that pet animal shows might be discouraged, and I protest against these shows being held by humane societies.

New Style Coats for Texas Goats

DEAN CHENOWETH

OUT where the rodeo, bulldogging and broncho riding with gigantic spurs still furnish chief entertainment at western fairs and holiday celebrations, those who deal with the dumb creatures are still kind at heart. Witness the efforts of a Texas ranchman to protect his flock of goats by a standard coat at shearing time, as example.



THESE COATS INSURE THE GOATS' COMFORT AND THE OWNER'S PROFIT

H. W. Reick, Roosevelt, Texas, ranchman, has devised a coat for the individual animals at that time of greatest cruelty to the goat—shearing time—as a means of protection to the goat and economic profit to himself.

Sudden changes of weather in this clime through what is known as the "norther," a temperature change that sometimes reduces the mercury as much as 50 degrees in a few hours' time, has often played havoc with ranchmen's flocks at a time when animals are bereft of their usual mohair coats. When it comes it means suffering for the goat and oftentimes death. And a dead animal is a dead loss. To prevent such losses Mr. Reick designed the article of apparel, which may be slipped on at a moment's notice. The coat keeps the animals warm in any weather and permits ranging where the grazing is better rather than close to permanent sheds where often the grass is of starvation length. Added to this is protection to the goat's tender hide from scratching brush through which it must pass, and the freedom of open herding, which keeping in sheds through stormy spells prevents.

Hailed at first a freakish idea, the goat coat is receiving throughout this section quite a little support, 14,000 of them having been manufactured and now in use by flockmasters to prevent the suffering and attendant losses of bad weather changes at shearing time. The coats are of cotton duck and are water-proofed. They are loose-fitting

and are designed to keep the animal's skin dry and to maintain a normal body temperature even under adverse weather conditions. There are no straps or belt buckles. The coats' balance and the fact that it has three points of control, the neck and the two forelegs, forming a triangle of fixation, preventing movement in any direction, makes for its remaining in place and guards against the animal escaping from it. It is further so designed that chafing is prevented, claims the designer.

Mr. Reick gained the idea of coats for goats in his own experience.

"I had been a goat myself," he tersely remarks. "I had lain out in the mud and rain in the army in France, and I was convinced that it was as much foolishness for an animal to be out in the weather unprotected. I applied a human situation to the goat, and I've successfully put it to use. It is proving practical on the 2,500 goats that I run, and I don't hesitate to pass the idea along."

WE ASK HALF A CENT MORE

WE had advertised a new "eight-page" pamphlet of Humane Day Exercises for use in schools at \$1.50 per hundred copies, postpaid. We found, when we included the new prize play in this pamphlet, that it would require twelve pages instead of eight. The manufacturing cost alone then proved to be more than the one and one-half cents for which we had hoped to sell it. With 50 per cent more material, we felt justified in raising the price 33 1-3 per cent, especially as at \$2 per hundred we barely get enough to cover the cost of handling and delivery. Besides the prize play, taking four pages, there is an original page of directions for the care and feeding of all common pets, and a variety of poems for recitation and appropriate quotations and suggestions. It is a valuable help for any teacher in grammar schools trying to inculcate kindness to animals. A sample copy may be had for a two-cent stamp.

Remember the American Humane Education Society in your will.



TEXAS GOATS, SUBJECT TO GREAT CHANGES OF TEMPERATURE, PROTECTED BY COATS

Our Dumb Animals

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FOR TERMS, see back cover.

AGENTS to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals* are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts longer than 800 words, nor verse in excess of thirty-six lines. The shorter the better. Full return postage should be enclosed with each manuscript submitted.

GOOD NEWS

WE have long advocated the use of the film to lessen the sufferings of animals in the process of vivisection. The following from the New York *Herald-Tribune's* Paris Bureau we hope is true. We have written to Professor Roget for confirmation and shall be glad to give our readers his reply when received.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The University of Paris, supported by eminent members of the French Academy of Medicine, has entered upon a campaign against useless vivisection. Under the supervision of Professor Roget, chief of the faculty, thirteen vivisection films were exhibited today before many leading scientists, including the famous Professor Richet. These films will mean the saving of the lives of hundreds of dumb animals, as they will be substituted for actual experiments.

According to Professor Roget, cinematograph vivisection is even more profitable than the actual work, because only a limited number of students is permitted to watch the reactions of the latter, whereas hundreds, if necessary, may now sit comfortably in the faculty amphitheater and see everything.

THE CARRIAGE HORSE AND HIS OWNER

MANY of us will appreciate the following from a recent editorial in the *Christian Science Monitor*:

There are still many persons who find pleasure in the use of carriages and horses. By every known law they have gained, by use, an easement over the lands regularly dedicated to the public as streets and highways. Taxes paid in part by horse owners have been appropriated in the construction and maintenance of the streets for many years. It might be reasonable to inquire by what process they have been deprived, or are assumed to have been deprived, of an established right.

THE Bermuda S. P. C. A. is an active, efficient organization doing a fine work. They deserve a much better support at the hands of the citizens of those beautiful islands. The president of our Societies recently had the pleasure of addressing a public meeting called by the Bermuda organization for that purpose.

Reports of the twelfth annual Be Kind to Animals Week will be found in our next number.

A STATE UNDERTAKING IN HUMANE EDUCATION

COLORADO comes to the front. A Humane Education League has been formed with headquarters in Denver. From its announcement we quote its purpose:

"To secure compliance with the wise and important compulsory humane education statute and to aid teachers in interesting and encouraging the school children of the State. The League will furnish a chart to be hung on the school-room wall containing the law, with brief comments and explaining in simple words the nature and rights of dumb animals, our duties toward them, our dependence on them and the great debt we owe to them. The teacher can use the chart to talk from and the children can become familiar with it by reading and studying it from day to day.

It further states:

"The League feels that this is the beginning of a permanent work whose good results in the character and conduct of our future men and women can hardly be overestimated. We are told the eyes and interest of the great and fast-growing number of those who realize the importance and the need of humane education in this country are turned toward Colorado and the working out of this plan. Due publicity in the national journals devoted to the subject is sure to be given to teachers and other school officials who contribute conspicuously to its success. The American Humane Education Society, with headquarters in Boston, Mass., offers two medals for the teachers most deserving of them and, no doubt, other rewards will from time to time be given."

It is a pleasure to know that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mary C. C. Bradford, has been heartily co-operative in bringing about this new undertaking.

BULL FIGHTING IN FRANCE

FOR a country like ours which has tolerated so long the lynching of many of its colored citizens to criticize France for permitting bull-fights is to merit the scriptural reprimand, "First cast the beam out of your own eye." Well, we are not criticizing, but we are glad to know that there is an increasing opposition being aroused in France against this barbarous pastime, and also against such exhibitions in Paris as, under the name of "A Reformed Sport," seem to be preparing the people of that city to accept a little later the real thing, with all its horrors of tortured bulls and disemboweled horses.

LOVERS OF CATS

AMONG famous men who have cherished the cat as companion and friend Philip Hale gives us these:

Richelieu, Colbert, Merimee, Heine, Michel, Hugo, Sainte-Beuve, Dumas the elder, Maupassant, Flaubert, Huysmans, Colette and Clemenceau. The last named, he says, when he attended the conference of the allies at London, in 1919, took away with him a little black cat to which he gave the name Prudence.

HUMANE NATURE

WHAT the world needs is less human nature and more humane nature.

—Washington Post

OUR WORK IN SYRIA

OUR readers have read in these columns from time to time of the work of our representative, Mr. Himadi, in Syria. A letter concerning him from Mr. M. D. Brown, Director of the Near East Relief, dated Beirut, says of him:

Dear Dr. Rowley.

It is a pleasure to write you concerning Mr. Himadi's work for the Band of Mercy in Syria. You will remember that Mrs. Alma Kerr originally started this activity in the Near East Relief Orphanage at Sidon among 1,000 orphans. Mr. Himadi was then a teacher at Sidon, and became an enthusiastic assistant to Mrs. Kerr in teaching the children to be kind to animals. Later he made strenuous efforts to spread the Band of Mercy movement outside the orphanage, and succeeded in enlisting many people from South Lebanon, by distributing literature and lecturing in villages.

The fact that there was no law here in Syria protecting dumb animals made such pioneer work extremely difficult, and an appeal was made to the Governor of Sidon for some official help. This gentleman responded willingly, and ordered all the government schools to include the principles of the Band of Mercy in their curriculum. Later Mr. Himadi carried the project to the Representative Council in Beirut, and with the co-operation of General Serrail a law was passed making it a penal offence to illtreat dumb animals of any kind.

The hardest work was accomplished among the peasants in the mountains of the Grand Liban. The sheiks of many districts were approached and finally enlisted in the Band of Mercy. This was no easy task, considering that animals in this country have been beaten for centuries, not because the people here are so extraordinarily cruel, but no one had ever thought to champion a dumb animal. Maronites, Jews, Mohammedans, and Druzes are in the Band of Mercy enrolment of Syria.

You may be sure that Mr. Himadi will spare no effort to accomplish any task which you may set before him.

FROM FAR AWAY

THE following needs no comment, except that we do not wonder at the wholly justified come-back in the matter of lynching. It is from the *Japan Chronicle*, Kobe, of February 17:

On the 14th instant we published a letter from Dr. Francis H. Rowley, President of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., in which he expressed deep regret at the experiment of Commander Wakatsuki wantonly following the example of a cruel American investigator in dropping animals from a height in order to ascertain the nature of the injuries they received in the process. Dr. Rowley was careful to express the hope that his protest would not be taken as in any way violating international courtesy, and the fact that he mentioned the American example showed that there was no racial prejudice in his remarks. But a writer in the *Osaka Asahi* is not satisfied with this. He remarks that Americans have no international patent rights in humanitarianism, and that the Bible nowhere says, "Thou shalt brutally lynch Negroes." However, the monkeys may benefit just as much as though Dr. Rowley's remarks had been taken more courteously.

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MONTHLY REPORT

Cases investigated	536
Animals examined	3,431
Number of prosecutions	26
Number of convictions	20
Horses taken from work	83
Horses humanely put to sleep	64
Small animals humanely put to sleep	1,009
Stock-yards and Abattoirs	
Animals inspected	32,972
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep	90

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals received gifts in March of \$1,000 from O. S. F.; \$450 from F. M. H.; \$220 from Mrs. Z. R. G.; \$135 from Mrs. C. C. S.; \$100 each from F. E. T., and the Misses C.; \$50 from E. R. W.; \$35 each from M. E. A. and N. H. S.; \$30 from Mrs. J. G. C.; \$25 each from J. M. H., Mrs. J. L. K., Miss E. P. D., F. A. M., H. W. B., Mrs. L. L., A. B. R., J. L., Hon. P. B., and E. D. B.; and \$20 each from Mrs. J. B. A., F. S. L., and H. S. B.

The Society has been remembered in the wills of Susan C. Dickinson of Lunenburg; Mrs. Louisa C. Hudson of Woburn; Julia M. Robey of Cambridge; Mary C. Wiggin of Newburyport, and Frank B. Thayer of Brookline.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR MARCH

Hospital	Free Dispensary
Cases entered	671 Cases
Dogs 471	Dogs 1,073
Cats 166	Cats 318
Horses 28	Birds 8
Birds 6	Horses 6
	Sheep 2
	Rabbit 1
	Turtle 1
	Fox 1

Operations 531
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, '15, 55,194
Free Dispensary cases 83,369
Total 138,563

STATE LEGISLATURE ACTS

Both Houses in South Carolina Endorse Be Kind to Animals Week

THE following concurrent resolution, introduced in the House by Representative Rittenberg, of Charleston, was unanimously passed by both legislative bodies in South Carolina:

"Whereas the National Humane Societies have set aside the week beginning April 12, 1926, as 'Be Kind to Animals Week,' and

"Whereas, in order to call attention to and to further the habit of humane and kind care of animals it is desirable that such week be observed, and

"Whereas it is fitting and proper that the law-making body of this State express their approval and hearty co-operation in such observance,

"Therefore, be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: That the week beginning April 12, 1926, be especially observed as 'Be Kind to Animals Week' throughout the State and that during this week all the citizens of our State are especially urged and requested to give special attention to the kind, intelligent and humane treatment of animals."

VALUE OF HUMANE EDUCATION

THE tidal wave of juvenile crime is awakening a thoughtful element of the public as never before to the great regenerative force of humane education. No teaching has as high a claim upon educators as the rooting out of cruel habits and proclivities, which, neglected in the child, are responsible later for most of the tragedies of society. Humane education inculcates gentleness, chivalry, kindness, considerateness, a respect for the works of nature and especially for the sentience of helpless dumb animal life, and leading upward to fraternalism, is the searching remedy against war and against all kindred crimes which are rooted in cruelty.

EDITH LATHAM

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For rates of membership in both of our Societies see back page. Checks should be made payable to the President.

A SIGNIFICANT SERMON

ON January 5 last, the Rev. Newton M. Mann celebrated his ninetieth birthday at his home in Chicago. Mr. Mann is one of the oldest Unitarian ministers, both in years and in service. He ministered to churches in Troy and Rochester, N. Y., and in Omaha, Neb. Back in the seventies he was on the board of directors of the Humane Society of Rochester. We are indebted to his son, H. S. Mann, so long prominent in the Omaha Humane Society, for a copy of a sermon, "The Evolution of a Sentiment—Kindness to Animals in the Christian World," which was delivered by Rev. Mann, as long ago as 1898. This sermon is of interest as pointing out that the New Testament contains no "plain, direct injunction of kindness to animals," though the doctrine flows naturally from the spirit of the gospel. "There are a great many good things in the Bible, but all the good things are not there." Mr. Mann effectively shows how far beyond the Jewish and especially the early Christian religion was the religion of the Hindus, and particularly that of the Zarathustrians, in teaching kindness to animals. "This teaching is modern in Christendom," and the author shows how it is that Christians have come at last to care for animals.

O. D. A. READ AT S. P. C. A. MEETINGS

THE secretary of a prominent S. P. C. A. in New Jersey writes to *Our Dumb Animals*: "We enjoy your excellent publication and are planning to have articles in it read at our meetings. This will give the members an opportunity to learn about the happenings of other societies."



GOODS SHED, HOWRAH STATION, CALCUTTA, INDIA

This picture was sent us by Ex-Governor Baxter of Maine, who writes: "Over the Calcutta bridge streams the greatest horde of toiling patient animals that anywhere can be seen. Overloaded, improperly harnessed and cared for, they plod along under the lash. The S. P. C. A. evidently does something; but how staggeringly hopeless!"

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

For the Year Ending February 28, 1926

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The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

IT has seemed wise to make the Annual Report brief, in view of the fact, as we have stated on previous occasions, that the entire record of the activities of the Society has appeared each month in our official magazine, *Our Dumb Animals*. Members and subscribers, therefore, are for the most part familiar with the year's achievement, and all will approve, we are sure, our endeavor thus to save the cost of a detailed and elaborate report.

Our beloved Treasurer, Ebenezer Shute, who died in February, 1925, after forty years of devoted service to the cause, was succeeded by Walter M. Kendall, one of our directors and a practising attorney in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Unfortunately, Mr. Kendall has found it impossible sufficiently to free himself from other obligations to give the required time to our Societies, and after a year in our offices he has resigned, still holding the position of director.

Our influence constantly spreads, with the Hospital, the Rest Farm for Horses and Small Animal Shelter at Methuen, our magazine, our literature, our humane workers in the schools, our court action against violators of the anti-cruelty laws, and our investigation of complaints, all contributing to the vast educational undertaking to which we have set our hands and hearts.

One of the conspicuous features of progress in 1925 was the new life and vigor given to the work in the western counties of the state under the general superintendency of our capable officer, Theodore W. Pearson. Springfield, Mr. Pearson's headquarters, has been provided with a small animal ambulance, which greatly increases the Society's effectiveness in that section, and a similar ambulance, purchased for use in Boston and the outlying districts, has proved of inestimable worth in our relief work.

The Hospital

From its opening in March, 1915, to March, 1926, fifty-four thousand, five hundred and twenty-three cases have been entered in the Hospital and eighty-one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine in the Free Dispensary—eloquent testimony to the skill and care with which our four veterinarians and their assistants are ministering to the sick and injured confided to their charge. In our unceasing endeavor to check and control that dreaded disease among dogs, distemper, minute and conscientious study goes on. During the past year we published a helpful and carefully prepared treatise by our Dr. Schneider on this subject, offering practical methods in the handling of the malady. Dr. H. F. Dailey, our chief veterinarian, has been called upon to give four radio talks relating to the Hospital in general and to the treatment and feeding of puppies and mature dogs in particular.

Among the unusual patients at the Hospital in the past summer were two elephants

brought for an X-Ray examination, one because of an ailment in the left fore paw, the other because of a sprained knee. This photographing device has been indispensable to the doctors in discovering the source of trouble and in diagnosing stubborn and perplexing cases. "King," a beautiful chestnut saddler, had the unique experience of being the first horse in the Hospital, and possibly the first in the world, to receive radium treatment. He was seriously afflicted with sarcoma over the eye. The treatment, so far as we can judge at this time, was successful.

We believe that in our new horse ambulance we have the finest and most efficient conveyance of its kind ever constructed. Two horses down can be carried in it at the same time, or four standing. The Society now has in use three motor ambulances, three small animal ambulances, and eleven automobiles for its officers, truly the arteries and veins by which it functions.

The Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary on November 10 conducted with increased success its annual fair and sale for the benefit of the Hospital, and, earlier in the year, a Hospitality Day and bridge. At the annual meeting, Mrs. Edith Washburn Clarke was chosen president, Mrs. Lucius Cummings, vice-president, Mrs. A. J. Furbush, treasurer, and Miss Helen W. Potter, secretary. Great as is the practical assistance of this active body of workers, their influence is yet greater. Thereby do humanity and justice "enlarge the place of their tent and stretch forth the curtains of their habitations."

In April the Newton Junior Humane Soci-

ety, a group of enthusiastic and able young ladies who have for several years furnished one of the tables at the fair, planned and carried through in a gratifying manner a moving picture show in the interests of the humane cause.

The Farm

At the Nevins Rest Farm for Horses we have cared for an average of twenty horses per day. At the Small Animal Shelter, also maintained at Methuen, 431 animals were rescued, of which ninety-seven were placed in good homes.

Through the kindness and generosity of two gracious friends, we have been able to extend and beautify "Hillside Acre," our small-animal cemetery on the Farm, where more than two hundred animals have been laid and where the little markers are increased by about fifty a year.

Humane Slaughter

We beg to assure those of our members interested in the efforts we have been making for sixteen years to lessen the sufferings endured by our food animals in the process of slaughter that in spite of what has seemed an interminable delay, we are not ceasing in our endeavor to bring about this great reform. The forces that have been against us, the difficulties we have found in inducing the companies to manufacture such a device as was secured by the prize offered—these things have put obstacles in our path that we could not foresee.

We are confident that if our friends knew all the facts they would realize that the delay has not been due to any indifference or lack of zeal on our part.

Other Activities

During the summer 61,003 horses were watered on the streets of Boston at our five hydrant stations, the service beginning early in June and continuing through September.

Following the annual custom for the ninth time, on December 24 the Society held its Christmas tree for horses in Post Office Square. The animals invariably enjoy this well-balanced dinner of oats, carrots, and apples, but the prime object of the occasion is the significant lesson of kindness and consideration and care taught to the public which sees the celebration or reads of it.

Our Society has been coöperating heartily with the Federation of the Bird Clubs of New England in an effort to save the feathered folk that grace and benefit our New England states, and to this end, and to educate and interest the public in bird life, joined forces with the Massachusetts Audubon Society in the presentation of four illustrated lecture programs, the first of which was given February 27.

So our work grows throughout the state, not because there is more cruelty or more neglect than ever before, but because people are gradually becoming aware of that finer sense of humanity and fair play.



"TEDDY" COMES HOME BANDAGED

WHEN Mrs. A. L. Ferdinand of Brookline received home her Irish terrier, "Teddy," after the animal had been treated at the Angell Animal Hospital, the wire-haired fox terrier, "Laddie," of the same household, showed great curiosity in examining Teddy's bandaged leg.

ACTIVITIES OF OFFICERS OF MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A. FOR THE YEAR

Complaints investigated	7,275
Animals (all kinds) examined during such investigation	46,733
Horses taken from work	1,078
Horses humanely put to sleep ..	1,503
Other animals humanely put to sleep	12,255
Animals inspected (stock-yards and abattoirs)	377,112
Animals sick or injured, humanely put to sleep	1,071
Horses watered on Boston streets, summer of 1925	61,003
Prosecutions	361
Convictions	323
Total number of miles traveled by officers	83,790

AMBULANCE TRIPS, MARCH 1, 1925, TO FEBRUARY 28, 1926

Electric Horse Ambulance	254
Garford One-horse Ambulance ..	10
Garford Two-horse Ambulance ..	85
Garford Four-horse Ambulance ..	22
	371
Small Animals Ambulance	3,536

SOME PROSECUTIONS MADE BY OFFICERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A. DURING THE PAST YEAR

For driving a lame horse, a defendant paid a fine of \$200 and costs; another, for overloading horse, paid \$100 fine; two others who pulled horse behind wagon by a chain around his neck, choking him to death, were fined \$50 each.

Prosecutions for sending out a lame horse unfit for labor, beating with wire, driving barefoot horse until suffering, and working a horse suffering from gall-sores, entailed fines respectively of \$50, \$50, \$150, \$75.

One defendant paid a fine of \$100 for non-feeding of his hogs; another for non-sheltering hogs, paid \$100.

For abandoning an injured horse, the owner was fined \$50; for permitting a galled horse to be worked, another paid fine of \$50.

Nailing a live owl over the entrance to his restaurant cost offender \$75; overcrowding fowl, \$20 fine; exposing fowls to dripping ice water, \$20 fine.

A fine of \$100 and three months' sentence in the House of Correction were imposed for non-feeding cow; allowing cow to live on, having a broken leg, cost owner \$150 fine.

For exposing poison for the purpose of killing cats, a woman was fined \$25; kicking a cat cost offender \$10.

Two owners of dogs paid fines of \$10 each for arranging to have their dogs' ears trimmed; two other defendants were fined \$100 and \$75 for beating and non-feeding dogs.

A boy who drove a horse nearly to death was sent to the Reform School; another defendant was fined \$25 for tying a dog in woods and abandoning it.

These are but a few of the exceptional cases taken from a long list of prosecutions instituted by this Society during the past year.

The directions to our prosecuting officers are that it is always better when possible to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

L. WILLARD WALKER
Chief Officer

Our readers are urged to clip from *Our Dumb Animals* various articles and request their local editors to republish. Copies so mutilated will be replaced on application.



1,503 POOR OLD HORSES SUCH AS THIS WERE RESCUED FROM WORK AND HUMANELY PUT TO SLEEP DURING THE YEAR

TO OUR FRIENDS

In making your will, kindly bear in mind that the corporate title of our Society is "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"; that it is the second incorporated (March, 1868) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the country, and that it has no connection with any other Society of a similar character.

Any bequest especially intended for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital should, nevertheless, be made to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals "for the use of the Hospital," as the Hospital is not incorporated but is the property of that Society and is conducted by it.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (or, The American Humane Education Society), incorporated by special Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, the sum of dollars (or, if other property, describe the property).

EXECUTING YOUR OWN WILL

An Annuity Plan

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and the American Humane Education Society will receive gifts, large or small, entering into a written obligation binding the Society safely to invest the same and to pay the donor for life a reasonable rate of interest, or an annuity for an amount agreed upon. The rate of interest or amount of annuity will necessarily depend upon the age of the donor.

The wide financial experience and high standing of the trustees, John R. Macomber, president of Harris, Forbes and Company, Charles G. Bancroft, director of the First National Bank of Boston, and Charles E. Rogerson, president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, to whom are entrusted the care and management of our invested funds, are a guaranty of the security of such an investment.

Persons of comparatively small means may by this arrangement obtain a better income for life than could be had with equal safety by the usual methods of investment, while avoiding the risks and waste of a will contest, and ultimately promoting the cause of the dumb animals.

The Societies solicit correspondence upon this subject, and will be glad to furnish all further details. Write for "Life Annuities," a pamphlet which will be sent free.

Free stalls and kennels in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital may be endowed by individuals. Seventy-five dollars a year for a horse stall, thirty-five dollars a year for a kennel. Stalls and kennels are marked with the names of the donors.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1926

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FREE Dispensary for Animals

Hours from 2 to 4. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Saturday, from 11 to 1.

Advice for sick or injured animals.

Small animals treated	7,614
Large animals treated	229
Birds treated	57
Total number cases in hospital ..	7,900
Operations	5,149

FREE Dispensary

Small animals treated	16,496
Large animals treated	41
Birds treated	123
Treated by correspondence	208
Total number cases in Free Dispensary	16,660
Total animals and birds treated last year	24,488

SUMMARY

Cases in hospital since opening, March 1, 1915	54,523
Cases in Free Dispensary since opening, March 1, 1915	81,949
Total	136,472



Photo from Boston Post

EX-SENATOR WALSH'S DOG, AT HOSPITAL

THIS Boston terrier, "Flash," the victim of an automobile accident, was brought to the Angell Hospital, where an X-ray showed that the right hind leg had been fractured. It was placed in a cast with splints and bandages, and in twelve days was able to go home.

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The American Humane Education Society

THE activities of the American Humane Education Society are so varied, its work is carried on by such a host of devoted volunteers in addition to those who receive some remuneration, that it seems hopeless even adequately to summarize it here. Our correspondence extends to the uttermost parts of the world, and some of our most encouraging results are in the foreign field. The seed planted in Syria, for instance, continues to bear abundant harvest in the enthusiastic efforts of a native youth who has carried the humane message to Mohammedans, Christians and Druzes. In Constantinople a humane prize speaking contest was held at Robert College. "Black Beauty" was translated into Bulgarian and thousands of copies distributed in the schools. Thanks to a liberal foreign fund, contributed by a friend, we have been able to send a quantity of literature in Spanish to Madrid, where a new interest has been aroused in protecting animals, and also to respond to calls for literature for many other foreign places.

A division superintendent of schools in the Philippines emphasizes the value of Bands of Mercy in character-building. Miss McSkimmon, president of the National Education Association, openly endorses our work. The mayor of a large Massachusetts city insisted on humane education in the schools, with practical results. These are but a few of the incidents which point to our goal. By the printed word our message engirdles the globe. A strong man is kept busy just packing up the literature, which, from a tiny mail parcel to heavy boxes for export by ship, is constantly being dispatched from our headquarters. It goes to schools everywhere, to churches, to teachers' conventions, to fairs, to colleges, to Y. M. C. A.'s, to hotels, to countless individuals for distribution along the highways and byways. It consists of labels, cards, leaflets and pamphlets of all sizes, books paper-bound and cloth-bound, posters in great variety, blotters, placards, calendars, magazines—every conceivable sort of printed message. It is in story form, essay, eulogy, poetry, practical care of animals, adapted to all ages.

Humane Press Bureau

The Humane Press Bureau began in 1918 with twenty-three editors and individuals on its mailing list. Today the number has increased to more than 1,000, who have promised to make use of the material submitted each month. The secretary, Mrs. Hall, sent out within the year 19,003 press slips, 51,235 leaflets (many in Spanish and other foreign languages), 187 books, 2,795 cards, 1,876 blotters and labels, 35 calendars, 400 pamphlets, and wrote 1,024 letters. The Western Humane Press Bureau, directed by Mrs. Park of California, has been continued in the field west of the Rocky Mountains. For this effective work she received a resolution of thanks from the California State Humane Association.

Workers in the Field

Mr. Barnwell's work in Texas stands out prominently, including school poster con-

tests and other Be Kind to Animals Week activities and exhibitions of literature at teachers' conventions as special features. He organized a Branch Humane Defense League (colored) in Houston, and secured a place for humane education on the program of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools. He visited 149 places, gave 147 school talks and 220 other addresses before audiences aggregating 85,000 persons, and distributed 10,000 pieces of literature. To do this required 17,000 miles of travel.

Mr. Burton traveled 20,800 miles, thoroughly covering the Southern Mountains of Tennessee, where he did much personal work in rural homes. He established contacts with many educational and religious groups, and addressed numerous conferences and public gatherings. He made extensive use of his own home grounds for outdoor meetings where the Band of Mercy and other humane features were emphasized.

All in the Month's Work

Seymour Carroll in South Carolina, the youngest worker we have, is a Colored dynamo, whose humane activities are limited only by the speed of his Ford car. He gets more press publicity in a month than the average person would in a year. He often travels from 1,000 to 2,000 miles, sometimes giving as many as 100 school talks, perhaps reporting 115 Bands of Mercy, delivering a dozen addresses before adults, and distributing a great quantity of literature—all in the space of a month. He is constantly attending important conferences and holding enthusiastic mass meetings.

Miss Finley waged a persistent campaign throughout a wide area in Virginia. She was instrumental in featuring Be Kind to Animals Week in Richmond with a notable school poster contest. She used our film, "The Bell of Atri" and stereopticon slides to good advantage in her many school talks, secured splendid co-operation from the Parent-Teacher Association, and spent much time in conferences with school officials and in efforts to obtain humane legislation.

Mr. Lemon has proved himself an able ally in the cause among the Colored population of Virginia. He visits day and Sunday-schools, churches, fairs, teachers' associations and religious conferences, talking, preaching, organizing Bands of Mercy, and doing much personal work as a humane agent among the farmers.

Mrs. Hogue is still our representative in San Diego, California, where she co-operates in local humane activities and supervises much of the humane work of the local and state Parent-Teacher Association. She occasionally gives school talks and distributes literature.

The work of Mrs. Nichols, with headquarters at Tacoma, Washington, is unique in its variety, as it involves great practical undertakings in addition to the regular program of humane education. Her efforts in exposing the cruelties of the abominable rodeo, as still permitted in Washington, despite its anti-cruelty laws, were persistent and courageous. Officially connected with the National

Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. Nichols attended several state and national gatherings to emphasize the importance of humane education, and also issued special literature on the subject.

Mrs. Weathersbee, in Georgia, gave a large number of school talks, visited many summer camps, organizing Bands of Mercy, and gave a brief course in humane education in the summer schools. She obtained several thousand Jack London Club pledges, and addressed several important clubs and conferences.

Mr. Wentzel gave many addresses in schools, colleges, and elsewhere, and occasional radio talks in western Pennsylvania.

5,000 New Bands of Mercy

Nearly 5,000 new Bands of Mercy and Junior Humane Societies were reported during the twelve months. While the most of these were the result of work by our own field representatives, many of them came from volunteers. Their geographical range is from a primary school in Maine to a Japanese school in the State of Washington, and from an adult organization in the Bahamas to the enthusiastic groups in the Red Cross orphanages of Syria. Our organizer in Massachusetts, Miss Maryott, visited schools in many cities and towns in all parts of the state, resulting in the enrolment of many thousands of children. Since the American movement started in 1882, there have been formed 154,755 Bands of Mercy.

The Animal's Magna Charta

A new booklet of thirty pages, "The Animal's Magna Charta in Ethnic History and in Ethical Truth," by Edward P. Buffet, was our most significant original contribution to humane literature. It is the result of much careful study, tracing the animal's place in the history of civilization, concluding with chapters on "The Christian Posture toward the Animal Kingdom" and "The Deeper Grounds of Our Humane Duties."

Several new leaflets, including some in Spanish and one in Italian, were published to meet the increasing demand for special information and for foreign work. Many of our standard leaflets were republished in editions of 15,000 copies each. New printings were also required for the two books, "Songs of Happy Life" with music, and "The Humane Idea." Several editions of our Humane Calendar, published for 1926 with a picture in colors, were circulated.

Jack London Club

There can be no question that the Jack London Club is the pioneer organization in this country, if not in the world, to make serious headway in creating sentiment against trained animal performances and their attendant cruelty. During the year, the always objectionable rodeo and the ever-questionable use of massed animals in spectacular moving-picture productions have received wide publicity. One of our field representatives practically indicted the Governor of the State of Washington for not enforcing the law violated in the production of the Ellensburg rodeo,

after both were eye-witnesses of the performances. The trained wild animal act seems to be disappearing from the circus and the stage, but the Wild West show and the filming of pictures involving animals, with their insidious cruelties that are often encroachments upon humane laws, call for constant and alert attention.

Be Kind to Animals Week

The Society seized upon the opportunity offered by Be Kind to Animals Week to secure publicity in a variety of ways. Besides securing endorsement of the Week by President Coolidge and a special proclamation by Governor Fuller, liberal prizes were awarded for the two best cartoons published in any newspaper, and also for the two best short letters telling how to further the Be Kind to Animals idea. An illustrated poster for general use and a special lantern slide for moving-picture houses were made available in Massachusetts, and quantities of each were sold at cost to organizations in other states. About 10,000 copies of a new eight-page pamphlet of special "Exercises" were given to grammar school teachers in Massachusetts for use on Humane Day in Schools (Friday), which was generally observed.

To stimulate interest in the annual poster contest, open to pupils from the fourth grade through the Junior High, instead of a few cash prizes, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. offered handsome medals, especially designed for the purpose. Fully 5,000 posters were made, of which 3,000, representing schools in many cities and towns of the state, were submitted to the judges. Fifty-seven large medals and 289 small medals, besides hundreds of subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals* were awarded. The prize winning posters were exhibited during the week at the Boston Public Library.

Toledo Convention

Our Societies were represented at the annual Humane Convention, at Toledo, by the Secretary and by Mr. Carroll. The latter made a fine impression with a talk on his work in South Carolina. The usual display of posters and literature attracted wide attention, and many hundreds of leaflets were freely distributed.

Our Dumb Animals

For the fifty-eighth consecutive year *Our Dumb Animals* has been sent monthly on its mission around the world. Many complimentary letters come to us telling of its usefulness. In a Maine school it serves as a regular text-book for reading; in an Indian school in New Mexico the boys are so fond of it that copies are taken from the reading-room to be cut up for the pictures; a prominent welfare worker writes that "for over forty years it has had an important influence on my life and work"; and a subscriber in Massachusetts tells us that, though now over eighty, she has faithfully read *Our Dumb Animals* from the first issue. We continue to send it regularly to nearly all periodicals in the country, many of which republish articles from its columns, and to about 5,000 organizations of young people in all parts of the world—this in addition to the thousands of subscribers and members and to many free lists, such as all colleges in the land, libraries in New England, and several thousand professional men and women in Massachusetts.

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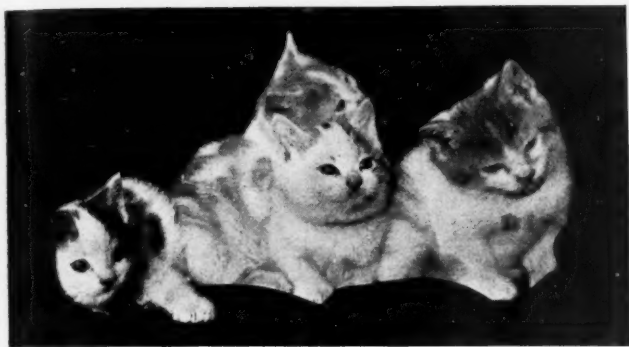
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CHILDREN'S PAGE



MAY BRINGS FLOWERS AND—KITTENS

MY FIRST SADDLE ANIMAL

ELIZABETH B. THOMAS

WHEN most of us think of saddle animals, we picture stately thoroughbreds, lively little bronchos, and for the children diminutive, sturdy ponies. But my first steed was none of these.

On many of our Maine farms much of the heavier work is still done by oxen. Most farmers raise and train their own. The summer that I was ten years old my father bought a pair of Ayrshire steer calves. They were red and white, perfectly matched little creatures. Ayrshires are a wiry, nervous breed of cattle, good workers, but seldom becoming very large. From the first I did most of the training of the calves and found them intelligent and gentle. One of them was particularly lovable and was my favorite. I fashioned a harness for him out of stray straps and bits of rope and drove him in a two-wheeled cart.

One of my friends had a pony that she rode and I had always been envious of her and wished ardently that I had a pony, too. And one day the thought came to me that my little steer might make as good a steed as her pony. So I took him out in the pasture where I would be hidden from the eyes of the family and got on his back. He was surprised and for some time refused to move, but finally he moved gingerly off. I had a bridle on him, but a steer's mouth is not as tender as a horse's and he did not always obey my guiding hand on the reins. It was a long time before I considered him well enough broken to appear in company. My family greeted me with astonishment, not unmixed with admiration. My brother found an old saddle in the barn and fitted it to the steer's back. Then, indeed, I rode forth as proud as any king. At last I was able to join my pony-riding friend on her rides. We must have been a queerly assorted pair, she on her dainty pony and I on my nimbly trotting horned horse. But, strange as it may seem to those who think of oxen as lumbering, huge creatures, whose speed is several degrees slower than that of a snail, my steed was far from slow. He trotted as swiftly and easily as any horse and if urged could gallop very successfully. I loved him dearly and rode him for several years until it became necessary to put him and his mate to work. I gave him up with sincere regret. He is still active on the farm, but the years have changed him and I find it hard to recognize in the great, slow beast of burden my nimbly trotting "saddle horse" of long ago.

THE TALE OF A MOUSE AT SCHOOL

A True Story

ELIZABETH G. JORDAN

A LITTLE mouse, like Mary's lamb,
Once wandered into school,
Although some children may have laughed,
She broke not any rule.
For she was very quiet there;
She did not make a noise,
And so the teacher let her stay
Among the girls and boys.

She ate the crumbs the children dropped
From out each dinner-pail,
Then out of sight into her hole,
She'd whisk her little tail.
The teacher did not set a trap,
The children all were kind,
A better place to get her lunch
This Mousie could not find.

One day, when everything was still,
The teacher saw her peep;
She looked to see if all was safe,
Then back again did creep;
One moment, and a baby mouse
Came running out behind,
She looked about as if to say,
"You all have been so kind,

"I've brought my little one today,
I wanted you to see,
I'm sure you will be glad, because
You're been so good to me."
Right up the aisle and down she led
Her baby mouse, and then
Back home they went, and after that
She never came again.



LEARNING TO RIDE

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NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Eight hundred and seven new Bands of Mercy were reported in March. Of these, 268 were in schools of Rhode Island; 257 in schools of Massachusetts; 75 in schools of Virginia; 71 in schools of Texas; 45 in schools of Georgia; 28 in schools of Pennsylvania; 27 in schools of South Carolina; 18 in schools of Canada; six in schools of Delaware; four in schools of Tennessee; two in California; and one each in New Jersey, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota and Bahama Islands.

Total number Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 155,562

FOR WALPOLE SCHOOL-BOYS

MEDALS of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. were presented by Secretary Richardson, in company with Officer William Enos, to two boys in schools of Walpole for bravery in rescuing a German police dog which had broken through the ice of Diamond pond in that town, March 2. Harold E. Willis of the High school was called before an assembly of the pupils there by the principal, and Simon Desavage was similarly asked to appear before his fellow-pupils in the Plympton Grammar school, both gatherings having been arranged for the purpose. The boys were enthusiastically received by the respective student bodies. The public presentations enlisted the sympathy of both schools in the cause of animal protection.

ROBBING NATURE'S CRADLE

JOSEPH R. SCHADEL

ON one of the busiest industrial thoroughfares of San Francisco there was recently located a large store devoted to the exclusive sale of furs and fur garments. (Thanks to the expiration of the lease, the obnoxious establishment has been forced to vacate and a brighter and more inviting place in the form of a restaurant is now in its stead.) At the entrance of this fur store stood the rearing, glazed-eyed, lifeless little husk of a very young bear cub, an animal which must have been in its earliest stage of natural existence when it was either shot or cruelly trapped by the usual offender, man. It was a pity to see such an example of devastation, particularly because the hapless little beast had not been afforded the opportunity to attain its full growth and allowed, at least for a while, to enjoy the natural environment of the life to which it was justly entitled. As a friend of the writer once remarked while passing the store, "It's a wonder they wouldn't let them grow up."



BAND OF MERCY, ORDER OF THE ROUND TABLE

IF ONLY KINDNESS RULED

LOUELLA C. POOLE

*If each of us would try to do
Some kind and thoughtful act each day,
Just step aside to do in love
One deed out of the common way—*

*To say some word of cheer, perhaps,
Or honest praise to those that live
Oppressed by doubt; some message write
That might fresh inspiration give*

*To flagging spirits weak and spent;
E'en to the humblest and the least
Of all God's creatures minister
In tenderness—or man or beast;*

*Oh, what a different place would be
This world of ours! How great the sum
Of joy 't would know, could kindness
More habit in this way become!*

A BURRO LOVER REMEMBERS

AN article appearing in the San Antonio, Tex., *Light* gives an interesting story touching a man well known in this section, in S. Leaming, who has traveled over northern New Mexico doing piano tuning. Mr. Leaming is now in Pennsylvania, but he has not forgotten two burros with which he traveled many miles when these long-eared, faithful little animals stood by him, month after month. He has been away from New Mexico for four years, and the burros have been in San Antonio, where they have been cared for and fed by the eleven dollars per month which Mr. Leaming has sent for their custody. He values these burros at three dollars each, but it is not their financial worth that he considers. He thinks of the loyalty they showed in the long and weary travel which the trio made. He is planning to come to New Mexico this winter, and take the burros out on his farm. He cannot let them go after the long association.

—Taos Valley News

FATE. Time, Occasion, Chance, and Change, to these all things are subject but Eternal Love.

SHELLEY

QUEST TABLE AND BAND OF MERCY

WHEN the Order of the Round Table was organized, its leaders had especially in mind the great principle of Brotherhood, which is, indeed, not a theory among those who are idealists, but a fundamental fact in nature. All over the world, in twenty-seven countries, children and young people have banded themselves together, as did the knights of old, to serve their fellow man, and each who belongs has taken the sacred pledge "Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King." In this modern age there are many wrongs to be righted, and the young knights strive to adapt their ideals and their chivalry to assuaging the wounds of our own day.

Realizing that "our younger brothers, the animals," are among those helpless to fight for themselves, the young crusaders have pledged to fight in their behalf, and this picture is of one of the Bands of Mercy in Birmingham, Ala. To the Order of the Round Table, this group is known as "Quest Table," but to the American Humane Education Society it is Band of Mercy No. 154,521.

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